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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement ("Amendment") is filed in reply to the non-final Office action, dated April 28, 2005. A one-month period for response was set by the Office action. Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time for response; thus, this Amendment is timely filed on or before Monday, August 29, 2005. A three-month extension fee accompanies this filing. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required in connection with this filing to the deposit account referenced on the accompanying transmittal letter.

Please amend the claims as set forth beginning on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this Amendment.